

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an image display apparatus having an airtight container including a face plate and a rear plate having a plurality of electron-emitting devices, and a face plate disposed in opposition to the rear plate and has a phosphor and an electroconductive film, the method comprising the steps of:

disposing the rear plate having the plurality of electron-emitting devices and the face plate having the phosphor and the electroconductive film such that the rear plate and the face plate are opposite to each other and arranging a plurality of plate shaped spacers between the rear plate and the face plate to assemble the airtight container; and

applying an electric field between the rear plate and the face plate in a state that the airtight container is slanted such that a longitudinal direction of the plate-shaped spacers is not in vertical perpendicular to a gravitational direction.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when the image display apparatus is driven, an the electric field is lower than that an electric field applied between the rear plate and the face plate when driving the image display apparatus.

3. (Currently Amended) A method manufacturing an image display apparatus according to claim 2, wherein when the image display apparatus is driven, an the electric field is 1/10 to 1/2 of that an electric field applied between the rear plate and the face plate when driving the image display apparatus.